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"Not any higher than I always charge when I am present in person during the interview."

"Sometimes you are not present?"

"Yes; in those cases I do not know I have been interviewed until I see it in the papers."

"Do you enjoy that?"

"Well, no; I think it is not quite fair. It is my trade to talk and write. It is my bread and butter. A man cannot honorably take it from his family without consent. What is it we are to talk about now?"

"The yacht race. The New York Herald would like you to explain the reasons of the results."

"Why—that is all right, but I doubt if I can earn the money."

"Why?"

"Well, because I can only state the facts. I can't intelligently philosophize them, analyze them, deduce results from them—and all that wise kind of thing, you know. Do you care for facts—just mere cold, unseasonable facts?"

"Dear sir, we prefer them to anything else."

"Allow me. Give me your hand! We meet upon holy ground. I have no longer any tremblings at the heart, no longer any disturbing anxieties. Facts are my passion. I—"

"You have been called the slave of truth."

"Have you heard it? You make me proud, happy; you sing all my solitudes to rest. Proceed."

"You have seen all of the races?"

"Yes, all of them."

"On board the Kanawha?"

"Yes."

"She is the fastest steam yacht afloat, I believe."

"Yes, she has beaten all the flyers. When I am feeling good I can make thirty-seven knots an hour with her."

"Why do you look at me like that?"

"I beg pardon, I assure you I didn't mean to. How—"

"Well, you mustn't look at me like that. I am very sensitive."

"It was an oversight. I give you my word. I would not wound you for anything. My bearing is not good, and I did not quite catch the number of knots. I think. How many did you say it was?"

"Forty-five. She's a bird—just a bird. She—"

"Do you take her suit yourself?"

"No, it is done by one of the men—Patrick Clancy. He is in the forecastle. She has made as high as forty-nine. He told me so himself."

"Is he—he is trustworthy?"

"Who—Clancy? I should think so! I

wouldn't trust a statement of my own."

"Neither would I."

"Let me take you by the hand. Is Clancy trustworthy? Why, it would make everybody in the ship smile to hear you say that. Patrick Clancy—"

"Is he experienced? Is he calm, unexcitable; does he know the boat well?"

"Knows her like a book! Knows every inch of her hundred and twenty-seven feet; knows every ton of her four hundred; can tell by the flutter of her screw when she's making her Sabbath-day 290 revolutions and when she's on the war-path and turning out four thousand a minute. Those Patrick Clancy know the Kanawha? Why, man, he's been in her ever since he was a little thing not thirty feet long and couldn't make ten miles an hour; he told me so himself."

"Do you own the Kanawha?"

"Well, no, I don't exactly own her. I only help to run her. Mr. Rogers owns her."

"Do you command her?"

"Well, no, not exactly. I only superintend."

"By request?"

"Well, I wouldn't put it quite as strong as that; but I do a good deal of work, you know; in fact, the important part of it. Superintending is more important than commanding and more worrying and fatiguing, you know, because you have to be everywhere and attend to everything. Superintending is much the most exacting function on board a ship, and requires more varied talent and alertness, and more patience and calmness under explosions of resentment and insubordination than any other in the service. There are but few really good superintendents."

"The salary must be very large?"

"No, there isn't any salary; all a person gets is neglect and ingratitude. If a superintending conscientiously does his whole duty, there's never anything going on but mutiny and insurrection. If I have ever had an order obeyed without being requested to mind my own business, I have no recollection of it. It is just a dog's life, and that is the best you can say about it."

"Can't you resign?"

"Resign? How can I resign when I haven't been appointed? If I could get appointed I would resign in a minute."

"Is there no way to resign?"

"To what? No, there isn't. When you are a superintendent, there you are and you can't help yourself. Sometimes I wish I was dead."

"It does seem to be a sorrowful vocation."

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ton. What were you saying about—"

"I wasn't saying anything about anything, but now that I think of it, what was the reason that the Shamrock performed so indifferently in the first race—that tone was a failure?"

"Well, I know the reason, for I got it from Clancy at the time. It is pretty technical, but, barring that, it is easy to understand. It was a case of British easygoing carelessness on the part of the Shamrock plant—good enough sailors, you know, but headless, oh, beyond imagination. Not just one case of it, but two or three—Clancy explained the whole thing to me. In the first place, when they came to see the anchor watch it was a Waterbury, and they lost two minutes in the winding, and that took off the whole time allowance and three seconds besides—ought to have been ground up before of course."

"And then, when they got it set, there they were again—on anchor watch, all right enough, but they round they hadn't any anchor. It had been left at the Waterbury, by some oversight, and they had to throw overboard to make up for it. Also, they had to remeasure the boat and that shortened her by an inch. I do not know why, but Clancy does. An inch is not much, but it does not arrive at the home-stake as early as it would if it were an inch longer and of course, as you can see yourself, even that could lose a race. It didn't in this case, because there was a lot more inches that 'did not arrive in time, but the principle is sound; you can see it yourself."

"Yes, it looks so. But this lost the second race, too—the first race. How does Clancy account for that?"

"Difference in seamanship, he says. That and other things. Accidents and one thing and another."

"Did the Shamrock have accidents?"

"She had one that lost her the race. When she turned the risk, she broke out her spinnaker. She might as well have broken her back. Clancy says. The spinnaker is a sail, you know. I don't know which one it is, but I think it is the tail one that bows out like a shirt front and gives the yacht such a dreary look. The other one is the balloon job, which connects the barboard strake with the futtock shrouds and enables you to point high on a wind when you couldn't possibly do it any other way. Clancy told me those things."

"Does Clancy charge you anything for revealing these mysteries?"

"No, he doesn't really charge me, but I make it up to him in other ways. I let him charge me five dollars for telling me how to bet so as not to lose. He told me to bet a hundred on each boat. That was on the first race—the one that went to a finish. If I won either bet I was to give him another five and if I won both he was to get ten. So he got ten altogether, because I only won on one of the boats. I lost on the other, so he didn't charge me anything on that one."

"Have you always been as intelligent as you are now?"

"Yes, I think so, but sometimes Mr. Rogers thinks I am failing. He thinks it is on account of age and decrepitude; others think it is on account of mental disturbance; others think it is on account of the company I keep; but that cannot be, because I was never particularly about the kind of people as intelligent as I am now, perhaps even more."

"You lose your way sometimes in a long sentence. Do you notice it? You remember—"

"Yes, I know what you mean; it's when I'm working up to wind and go a difficult"

proposition. Clancy says himself that I don't point as high as I used to. But it is no matter; as long as my teeth remain good I don't mind about my intellect. I don't eat with my intellect. But go on—I interrupted you."

"Granting that we now understand why the Shamrock won the first race, what specialty was it, in your judgment, that secured for her the second one?"

"Oh, reaching?"

"Reaching?"

"That is what did it. Reaching is subtle when it comes to reaching. Clancy says so himself. I remember his very words. He said, 'When it comes to that competition isn't possible; she's got a reach like a Christian mob with a nigger in sight.'"

"I am very much obliged to you for clarifying the races and making plain the reasons for the Shamrock's defeats. There was much confusion in the public mind before. Could you go on now, and—"

"Well, no, not now. It would take too much time, and you are pretty busy; so am I. We've done enough for a preliminary; I will finish in a magazine presently. How do you like my style?"

"I think it admirable. It is exceedingly simple and direct and lucid, and it has a special and unusual feature which is golden—that is the word, golden?"

"What is that?"

"Ah, you've noticed it. Do you guess the secret of that?"

"No, but if you would tell me—"

"I'm paid by the word—do you get the idea?"

"Well, no, I believe I don't."

"I'll show you. In a newspaper you are paid by space—that is your term for it. The longer the words the more space you occupy and the greater is your cash reward. Naturally you hunt the dictionary for long words—it's bread and butter. And naturally you get the habit of using narrative, vast words—the sequeladellan habit, so to speak. But when you are paid by the word you can't afford long ones, you understand—it's just simply impoverishing. The family would starve. Would you ever catch me saying 'uncomprehensibility'? Not at twenty cents a word, and don't you make any mistake about it. By my enforced habit of using only the shortest discoverable words I should break that nine pointed monster up into modest little, wee, single words and get as much as a dollar and a half out of him. Do you get the idea now?"

"By my halidom, yes—and it is just great, too!"

"I thought you would be able to see it. Do you know, in German literature the average word measures twenty-two syllables? You divine the reason?"

"I do; they pay by space there."

"That's it. It has ruined the language. They are starting a College of Journalism here. Let them look to that matter. Let them inculcate in the young student the principle of charging always by the word. It will result in a noble simplicity of style; it will be the salvation of our beautiful language. Even at twenty cents it will do it; even at that figure it will cramp the average word down to five letters. I would to God somebody would give me a chance to show what kind of a shrinkage I could put on our long words at a dollar a squeeze! Must you go? Don't go. Sit down and let me unshackle my tongue and give you an exhibition. I will undertake to financially embarrass your paper before I break out my spinnaker."

"I thank you most kindly, but I am afraid I must be going. Are you going to the banquet?"

"I wish I could, but I have to go home. I wish I could see Sir Thomas. He is the only Englishman I have ever seen, except Lord Roberts, Gallant men, both."

"What are you going to Italy for?"

"By order of the doctors. It is to get back my wife's health."

"When do you sail?"

"October 24, in the Princess Irene—North German Lloyd."

"A good ship?"

"I designed her myself."

"That settles it. Goodbye."

"Goodbye."

MARK TWAIN.

KANSAS FOOTBALL NEWS.

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 5.—Coach Harold Weeks, who will have charge of the Kansas eleven this fall, has placed himself on record as being opposed to the new football rules. Weeks will use his influence toward the retention of the old rules by teams of the middle west.

With the approach of the football season, the interest in the game at the state university centers around the probable line-up. The prospect just now is the brightest in several years. Enthusiasts are looking forward with great expectation to the coaching of the famous Michigan Captain Weeks. Mr. Weeks will arrive in Lawrence September 1, as will also Captain Burnage, and men will be put to work at once. McCook had been put in condition for practice. Large training quarters are being prepared where the training table will be maintained. The gymnasium has been remodelled during the summer and better dressing rooms built for the football players. All the old men will be back with the possible exception of Allen and Yeo. The new material is very promising. Donald of Moran, who weighs 235 pounds, has sent his entrance credits for the school of arts, and will incidentally try for the team. Coulson, of Topeka, will enter the school of engineering and adds his 210 pounds. Strongquist, famous full back on last year's Bethany team, may enter the university for graduate work. He will be eligible on account of graduating at Bethany last spring. Doidis, who was out of school last year, will try his 220 pounds at guard. McDaniel, who entered the university after Christmas last year, will be back and try for half back at tackle. Newby, of Kansas City, 190 pounds, will try for center. His early training was on the Kansas City high school team. McNaught of Girard, will try for a line place at 185 pounds. These are men who are of known strength. There are many others who have signed their purpose of trying for the team. Ackerman, the heavyweight man of the track team, will be a tower of strength. Captain Burnage may go to end, having tackle to some new man. The back positions will be provided for and full back will be especially strong with Love, Mosher and Strongquist, trying for the place. Pooder is heavier than last year and ranks with Kennedy, Ben Owen and Williamson at quarter. Under the coaching of quarterback Weeks, he should develop into a star. Alfred, Reid, Cooke and Russell will all be back and try for half back. The new students should make competition for the position very acute. In the arranging of the schedule most of the games have been placed at home in order to keep the team in the best possible condition. The hard games with Haskell, Washburn and Missouri will come in order as to give the team the best possible chance to recuperate before the next hard game. The schedule is as follows:

September 25—Emporia college at Lawrence.

October 3—State Agricultural college at Lawrence.

October 10—State Normal at Lawrence.

October 17—University of Colorado at Denver.

October 24—Haskell Indians at Lawrence.

November 1—Oklahoma university at Lawrence.

November 8—Nebraska at Lawrence or Kansas City.

November 15—Missouri at Kansas City.

November 22—Wichita college at Topeka.

November 29—Oklahoma university at Lawrence.